Letter

Mine Haiphong Harbor

About 70 per cent of the ammunition, guns and missiles used to kill our soldiers and marines go in through the largest port in Southeast Asia, Haiphong. To stop this we should not bomb Haiphong. We should declare to the world that Haiphong is "quarantined" and out of bounds to all shipping. Ships in port should be given three days to get out.

We should then mine the entrance to Haiphong—we can do it in a few hours—and cut off the Vietcong supplies from the North to almost zero. And not a single woman or child in North Vietnam will be hurt. Neither will we need naval ships to stop and inspect suspicious ships.

Everyone knows a mine blockade is a violation of international law if laid against a neutral country. We also know, however, that it is just as illegal and much bloodier to drop ineffective bombs in "neutral" North Vietnam.

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